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James G. Crawford, Chairman  
Chatham County Board of Commissioners  
P. O. Box 1809  
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Dear Commissioner Crawford:

As you may know, we have an exciting opportunity to develop a comprehensive plan for optimal aging in Chatham County with the help of a team of graduate students from the UNC-CH School of Global Public Health. This team of five Health Behavior students will begin working with us in September toward completion of the plan by early May. We want to supplement other efforts underway, including PlanChatham, the County's overall comprehensive plan.

A number of community leaders have already agreed to serve on the Steering Team for this important project. We hope that a County Commissioner would also be willing to join the Steering Team to help us develop an inclusive and realistic plan that would be of value to the Commissioners and all of Chatham County. It is anticipated that the Steering Team will meet about once a month between September and May during the day.

With Chatham as one of North Carolina's leading counties in the aging of the population, we want to remain a leader in responding to the opportunities and needs presented by this demographic. While this project will certainly help our Council on Aging prepare for the future, it should also serve as a catalyst for engaging Chatham residents, public officials, health and human services organizations, the business and faith communities, and other stakeholders in shaping our overall private and public response.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I hope it is possible for a Commissioner to be part of our Steering Team. In addition, we look forward to briefing the Commissioners about this effort as it progresses.

Sincerely,

Dennis W. Streets

cc. Lindsay Ray  
Renee Paschal